

**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee
(SSTMD AC) Meeting Summary
July 10, 2008**

Items 1, 2, 3 – Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Chair’s Comments: Members and guests introduced themselves.

Chair Jim Polk thanked **Charles Segerman** for acting as Chair on his behalf while away during the last meeting.

Mr. Polk introduced guests **Jeff Dunckel, Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Coordinator, and Khursheed Bilgrami, Montgomery County Traffic Operations Engineer.**

The June meeting minutes were tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Item 4 – Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Initiatives: **Mr. Dunckel** said that his mission is to assemble and coordinate the various different pieces of the County’s pedestrian safety-related efforts, and create some synergy so that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Mr. Dunckel discussed some of the County Executive’s new proposed initiative, which included a major section entitled “High Incident Areas.” Of the first four HIA areas mentioned in the Executive’s proposal, three are located in Silver Spring:

- On Piney Branch Road (outside this group’s purview)
- Several areas of Colesville Road
- Several Areas of Georgia Avenue
- A few areas of Fenton Street

Especially during construction of the Transit Center, it will be difficult to study some of these areas, but there are other places within the Central Business District that may warrant further study.

Mr. Polk asked how measurable results can be attained. **Mr. Dunckel** said that they are working on this, and also on how to filter out some of the areas that do not need measurement.

Mr. Dunckel added that they have an operating budget of \$800,000 for now, earmarked by the County. No additional funds have been allocated to them. While they need more, the idea now is to make the most of it in these lean times.

Mr. Dunckel is also looking for feedback from the TMD members. Perhaps they have seen areas that are worth looking into that his staff has not yet seen. Additionally, **Mr. Dunckel** invited the TMD members and guests to the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee meetings, on the second Tuesday of every month at the Executive Office

Building (EOB), 101 Monroe St., Rockville, 10th floor conference room, at 7 pm. **Mr. Dunkel** will send out agendas in advance of the meetings.

Mr. Dunkel is also attempting to further diversify the meetings to the extent possible, specifically by trying to recruit Latino or Hispanic members.

Item 5 – Silver Spring Walking Tour Update: Khursheed Bilgrami, Montgomery County Traffic Operations, updated the group on the Walking Tour that took place last year. There are 47 items on the project spreadsheet (available in the meeting packet). The first two pages have been fully completed. Pedestrian crossing signals have been adjusted to conform to the new Maryland SHA standard of 3.5 feet per second. The previous engineering standard assumed a pedestrian walking speed of four feet per second.

Mr. Bilgrami said that all County crosswalks have been cross hatched, and they have requested SHA to do the same with all state run crosswalks. **Sande Brecher** asked if any of the many crosswalk pilot programs that have been initiated have been found to be effective. **Mr. Bilgrami** discussed two, one in Rockville that was dropped, and one that has flashing lights at the crosswalk. There are a few of these around the County that they are still studying.

A member asked about Silver Spring Wayfinding sign initiatives. **Mel Tull** responded that it has been very difficult to find suitable places to put appropriately sized signs. The best way to get started with this would be to get support from the State.

A member asked **Mr. Dunkel** if he had looked at the various plans for the route of the Purple Line, and some of the different options being considered, as well as for any feedback from a pedestrian perspective. **Mr. Dunkel** knows about the project, and knows about some of the elements, but at this point cannot provide any recommendations.

Item 6 – Updates/Around the Room/Other initiatives: Various education-related initiatives regarding pedestrian safety were briefly discussed, as well as new ways to get the word out regarding pedestrian safety.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM

Next meeting date: September 11, 2008

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Attendance Sheet
July 10, 2008

Voting Members (12)			
Name	Affiliation	Present	Absent
Chamber Members (3)			
Vacant			
James S. Polk, Chairman	Technology Service Corporation	X	
Tom Collins	Atlantech Online	X	
Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)			
Edward Furgol	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS	X	
Charles Segerman, Vice Chairman	North & West Sector Plan Area	X	
Andy Wexler	CBD Resident	X	
TMD Employers less than 50 employees (3)			
Julian Leidman	Bonanza Coin		X
Suvita Melehy	Melehy & Associates		X
Cathy Wilde	Solid Waste Assoc of North America	X	
TMD Employers with 50 or more employees (3)			
G. Michael Price	Discovery Communications		X
Robin Goudy	Social & Scientific Systems		X
Vacant			
Non-Voting Members (4)			
Sandra Brecher, DOT Transit Services	DOT Director or Designee	X	
Chuck Kines	M-NCPPC		X
Sergeant Thomas Harmon	Montgomery County Police		X
Staff			
Terrie O'Steen	DOT, Commuter Services	X	
David Kantor	DOT, Commuter Services		X
Jim Carlson	DOT, Commuter Services	X	
Guests			
Khursheed Bilgrami	Montgomery County DOT	X	
Jeff Duncel	MC Pedestrian Safety Coordinator	X	
Mel Tull	SS Regional Services Center	X	